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1. THE EC COMMISSION DIVISION CHIEF RESPONSIBLE FOR
TELECOMMUNICATIONS (LEON SMULIAN) TOLD US ON APRIL 11
THAT THE CONFERENCE EUROPEENNE DES ADMINISTRATION DES
POSTES ET DES TELECOMMUNICATION (CEPT) WHICH GROUPS 26
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AT ITS BI-ANNUAL PLENARY CURRENTLY
TAKING PLACE AT TORREMOLINOS, SPAIN, IS EXPECTED TO ADOPT
RESOLUTIONS WHICH WILL TOTALLY RESTRUCTURE THAT ORGANIZATION.
IF ADOPTED, THESE RESOLUTIONS WOULD HAVE THE CEPT
TAKE ON RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SINGLE
EUROPE-WIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT,
THE HARMONIZATION OF TECHNICAL STANDARDS, AND TYPE APPROVAL.
SMULIAN COMPARED A RESTRUCTURED CEPT TO THE US FEDERAL
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.

2. DEPARTMENT AND OTHER INTERESTED USG OFFICIALS MAY OBTAIN MORE
INFORMATION ON EC TELECOMMUNICATION AND CEPT DEVELOPMENTS
FROM SMULIAN WHO WILL BE IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. HE WILL BE
ATTENDING A TELECOMMUNICATIONS MEETING BEGINNING ON APRIL 16
AT AIRLIE HOUSE AND COULD MEET WITH US OFFICIALS ON
APRIL 22-24. SMULIAN MAY BE REACHED THROUGH THE EC DELEGATION
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